



Vase Is Worth 50c Or \$63,000

Niles Woman May Hold Ming Art Treasure

By EARLE BERRY
State Editor

NILES—Mrs. Alan Martindale who bought a vase at a neighborhood garage sale says a West Coast art dealer has offered her \$63,000 in the belief it is a 15th Century Ming Dynasty art treasure from China.

But until she is sure the vase is really that valuable, the Niles township housewife has put it in a bank safe deposit vault and has retained a lawyer.

The sudden possibility of good fortune also has sent her into

semi-seclusion: she has had her telephone changed to an unlisted number to shut off a barrage of inquiries from newspaper, radio and television newsmen.

Her lawyer Atty. Casper Grathwohl, Sr., said he is inclined to disbelieve the validity of the \$63,000 offer which was made by telephone to Mrs. Martindale.

He said as soon as he can get to Chicago, he will make arrangements for a Chinese art authority to examine the vase and determine its authenticity.

Mrs. Martindale's art adventure began last August when she paid a half dollar for the vase at a sale in a neighbor's garage. She said the next day the woman who had the vase tried to buy it back for \$75 but she refused to sell it.

She had color photos taken of the vase and sent them to the Chicago Art Institute which replied the art object probably was made in China 500 years ago.

This week, she said she got the \$63,000 offer from the art dealer in the Los Angeles area. Mrs. Martindale said she bought the vase because she liked it and "it was different."

She added her husband "didn't admire it particularly, but if I like it that was all that mattered."

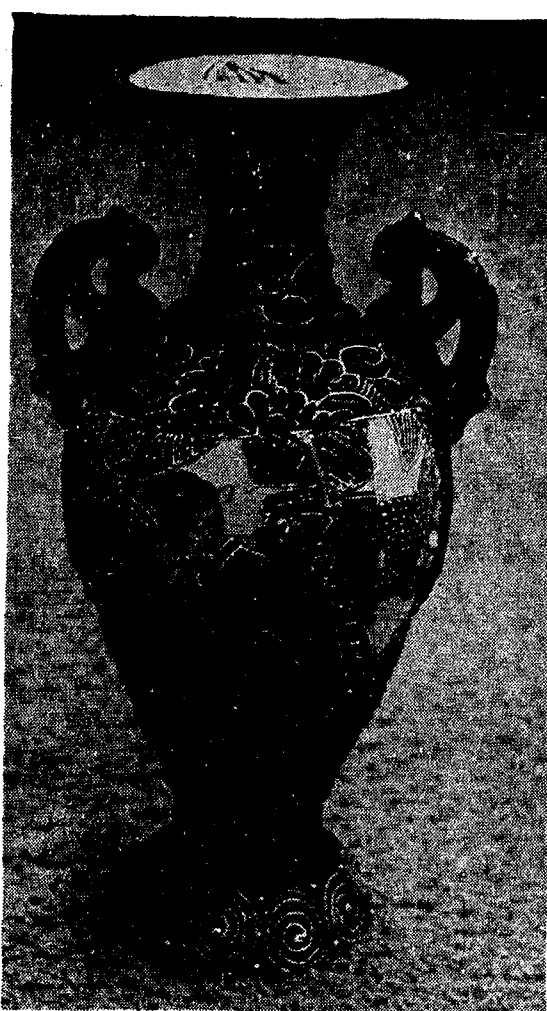
The vase is about 12 inches high and painted with various colors. Figures on the base represent a Chinese empress.

'Major' Blast Wrecks Plant Near Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — An explosion described by police as "major" wrecked an industrial plant in suburban Broadview today.

Police in the suburb west of Chicago reported 36 to 38 persons taken to hospitals.

The blast was at the Chase Products Co., at 19th Avenue and Gardner Road in Broadview.



IS IT A MING?: This is oriental vase Mrs. Alan Martindale of Niles township picked up at garage sale for 50 cents. She has been offered \$63,000 for it by West Coast art dealer in belief it was made during 15th Century Ming dynasty in China. Photo of tilted vase shows price Mrs. Martindale paid. (AP Wirephoto)

College May Not Stay Open

San Francisco State Is Having Rough Time

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—San Francisco State College, rocked by a renewal of violence, moved into its third day of a teachers' strike today with several department heads saying they are uncertain how much longer they can operate with empty classes.

Picket line scuffles broke out Tuesday, involving members of the American Federation of Teachers and student militants who have been striking since last November.

Acting President S. I. Hayakawa has accused some teachers of "riding the coattails" of the students.

NEW VIOLENCE

The rupture of cooperative efforts between the two groups led Tuesday to the first renewal of violence — and police arrests — since the 18,000 student school reopened Monday after a three week Christmas recess.

Dwight Newell, dean of the Department of Education, said Tuesday's classroom attendance, both by faculty and students, was well below average. "If it continues," he said, "I don't see how we can conduct a useful academic program."

Hayakawa, in contrast, told a news conference Tuesday afternoon that despite the strike and violence, "classes are uninterrupted and people continued their serious business of studying and teaching."

A picket line in front of the administration building, ostensibly controlled by the AFT, grew by mid-afternoon Tuesday from 50 to 300 chanting marchers.

When college officials told marchers the chanting was illegal, AFT officials agreed to

stop. Militant students greeted the order with obscene gestures.

The AFT withdrew its members from the line and later, when the union attempted to retrieve picket signs from the jeering students, shoving and pushing matches ensued.

Four persons were arrested by police.

TELLS DEMANDS

The teachers union, claiming to represent one-quarter of the college's 1,100 faculty members, is demanding official recognition, more pay, lighter class loads and more voice in school policy.

The student strike began Nov. 6. The list of demands eventually grew to 15, including an autonomous black studies department, relaxed admission standards for minority applicants, firing of certain school officials and amnesty for demonstrators.

Cuba Gets Atomic Aid Via Soviets

HAVANA (AP) — The Soviet Union is expanding technical aid to Cuba for the development of atomic energy for peaceful uses, the Communist party newspaper Granma reported today.

The newspaper said an agreement was signed in Havana Tuesday. It provides for technical assistance for a uranium atomic reactor delivered last year to the Cuban Academy of Sciences. It also provides for technical aid in television and irrigation.

Soviet Deputy Minister Vladimir Novikov, head of a delegation here for the Cuban 10th anniversary celebration, signed for the Russians. Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, president of the Cuban National Commission for Economic and Scientific-Technical Collaboration, signed for Cuba.

ROMNEY SWAN SONG FANS DEBATE OVER PRIVATE SCHOOL AID

How Will Milliken Handle It?

But Decision Really Up To Legislature

LANSING (AP) — The state capitol today was the center of a controversy surrounding public aid to parochial schools as the 75th Michigan Legislature convened and Lt. Gov. William C. Milliken prepared his State of the State message.

Milliken already has said he will not be bound by a suggestion by outgoing Gov. George Romney that parochial schools concentrate on religious instruction and leave all secular education to public schools.

MORE IDEAS DUE

The governor-to-be is expected to spell out his recommendation and leave all secular education problems when he speaks to a joint session of the Legislature Thursday.

The Legislature will be the scene of any battle over public funds for nonpublic schools.

Rep. William Ryan, D-Detroit, leader of the Democrats, who have the majority in the House, has termed Romney's suggestion "incredible" and "ridiculous."

Romney's proposal, made in a televised farewell address, continued to draw mixed reaction from educators and politicians.

In Washington, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James C. Donahue, executive director of elementary and secondary education of the U.S. Catholic Conference, said Romney's statement was "most disconcerting, coming as it does when he is about to assume the duties of a Cabinet post."

Romney has been named secretary of housing and urban development by President-elect Nixon.

Msgr. Donahue said Romney's statement "seems to reflect a naive about both religious education, and general education planning."

OTHER VIEWS

In Lansing, The Citizens to Advance Public Education applauded the Romney statement. "We are only sorry that the governor waited so long to make his views public," said Mrs. Harriet Phillips, chairman of the group.

Dr. John F. Choitz, president of the Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools, termed Romney's remarks, "too absurd to argue about."

"I am shocked and astonished," said Dr. Choitz, "that a man in high public office would make such a suggestion."

The president of the Michigan Federation of Teachers, Henry Linne, said, "I think the governor did an excellent job of putting his finger on the most crucial areas in Michigan education."

"But then I think his suggested solution ignored all the factors he had put his finger on," Dr. Edwin Novak of Flint, president of the State Board of Education, called Romney's suggestion "a disservice to Michigan education."

The Most Rev. Thomas J. Gumbleton, auxiliary bishop and vicar general of the archdiocese of Detroit, likely. Now, observers thought, majority Democrats had closed



IT MAY LOOK LIKE A CANAL: Residents who live on Derfla drive, which runs parallel to the St. Joseph river in Royalton township off Bacon school road, really need a boat since the flooding of their road occurs when ice on the river causes water to back up. It happened again yesterday and the Berrien county sheriff's department contemplated dynamiting the river, but decided against it when the water subsided somewhat. Linden drive, also parallel to the river, and an extension of Derfla drive, also was flooded, the Berrien county road commission reported. (Staff photo)

Legislature Begins 1969 Session Today ★ ★ ★ Houses Choose Leaders

By JIM NICHOLS

LANSING (AP) — The 75th Michigan Legislature assembled for the first time today, beginning its 1969 session with a touch of pomp and ceremony and in what appeared to be harmonious bipartisan accord.

Democrats made ready to take control of the House of Representatives, which Republicans held by a narrow margin in 1967-68. The Senate, whose members did not face re-election last year, remained 20-18 in GOP control.

DEMS CLOSE RANKS

Attention was focused on the House, where once a major leadership fight had appeared likely. Now, observers thought, majority Democrats had closed

their ranks enough to unite behind their party's candidates.

If so, Rep. William A. Ryan, D-Detroit, a soft-spoken 49-year-old former miner, Marine and UAW local president, will be elected speaker, or chief presiding officer, of the chamber.

Barring an unforeseen party blowup, the House will also install Rep. Stanley J. Davis, D-Grand Rapids, as associate speaker pro tempore.

In the Senate, Sen. Milton Zaagman, R-Grand Rapids, is to be elected assistant president pro tempore.

As House speaker, Ryan succeeds Rep. Robert Waldron, R-Grosse Pointe, who held the chamber's gavel in 1967-68 but was forced to yield it when the Nov. 5 election gave Democrats a 57-53 edge.

Waldron remains head of the House GOP, having been elected minority leader by the Republican caucus.

ONE VACANCY

Already there is one vacancy in the 110-member House. Rep. Frederic Marshall, R-Allen, died Dec. 31 of cancer. The vacancy will be filled in a special election Feb. 25.

Many lawmakers said they hoped the main bulk of this session's work could be completed by early July.

The House and Senate plan to convene jointly Thursday to hear the State of the State message read by Lt. Gov. William

Milliken, soon to be governor himself.

The Legislature then will adjourn for a week or two, depending on whether or not Rep. Jack Gingrass, D-Iron Mountain, elects to seek a recount in the election he lost by 318 votes to Republican John Payant of Kingsford.

A House recount would mean sending 10 legislators to recheck votes in the five-county Upper Peninsula district, and probably would bring a two-week recess.

Major issues to face lawmakers in 1969, besides the annual task of writing a state budget, include public school re-financing and possible state financial aid to nonpublic schools.

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More Snow Expected Today--3 To 5 Inches

With a blanket of 10 to 14 inches of packed snow already on the ground, southwestern Michigan was under a heavy snow warning for today.

The Weather Bureau predicted three to five inches of new snow would hit this area before nightfall.

The absence of strong winds was expected, how-

ever, to eliminate the drifting and blowing that has accompanied heavy snows in recent days.

All schools over the area were reported back in session today, after all but a very few were closed by severe weather and driving conditions Tuesday.

The Weather Bureau at

Grand Rapids reported the accumulated snow cover on the ground in Berrien county at 10 1/2 inches and in Van Buren county from 13 to 14 inches.

Low temperatures forecast for tonight are 10 to 15 degrees. Lows reported in the area last night ranged from 8 to 12 degrees.

THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

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City Hall Facing A Bumpy Road

Futile as it is to lock the barn after the horse has been stolen, the settlement in the St. Joseph firemen's strike leaves to the city government the chilling alternative of salvaging what may be possible from the improbable.

The money cost is small. Disregarding an economic fringe factoring of 10 to 15 per cent in the city's pay structure, the dollar and cents price totals only what a fireman first class draws as base pay under the new schedule.

The method in reaching agreement and other circumstances outside the fire department easily show this to be a completely one sided bargain.

Stamped by the threat of a strike, the city commissioners took the negotiations away from their city manager to deal directly with the firemen.

This fright induced act gave the firemen everything they had demanded months ago and gained no compensatory concessions whatever for the city.

It may be argued the maneuver spared a walkout in a particularly dangerous time of the year.

Forgotten apparently was an offer from St. Joseph township to provide standby service through its volunteer department. The township department already had arranged its staff and scheduling to meet the emergency if called upon to assist.

The agreement itself buys peace for only a few pages in the calendar. It runs to next September 1st. Presumably about the time the sporting world has a fair

idea of which teams will be battling in the World Series, the firemen and city hall be squaring off again on a new contract proposal.

If the city fathers can back away from granting comparable increases to all other municipal employees reasonably soon, this would have to be recorded as a complete refutation of the old proverb that what's sauce for the goose must be sauce for the gander.

There is a gentlemen's agreement, reached three years ago, to maintain the policemen at five per cent above the firemen, and a powerful movement is under way to unionize the public works department and perhaps others.

Friday's example of what muscle can do will be difficult to contest or even moderate.

The city manager already has estimated at least \$60,000 would be required to meet what seems a reasonable anticipation.

There is a city election this April 7th.

By way of meeting realistically this new situation, the commissioners better prepare an additional ballot seeking extra tax money to run the show.

In the past, city hall has always shown the ability to scrounge money from hidden pockets for various projects, much like the camel subsists on its fatty hump when grazing is sparse.

That hump has dwindled greatly in recent years. Friday's agreement forecasts a gritty message for the St. Joe taxpayer.

South Vietnamese Step-Up

That there will be no early cease fire in Vietnam is obvious, which leaves the United States no choice but to look to other avenues to begin extricating itself from the heavy commitment thrust upon it in that battle weary country.

One of the more apparent of

Freedom For Wives

The world is so crammed with problems, it seems impossible that one should have disappeared. But the knowledgeable Wall Street Journal says wives of executives no longer must conform to the company image of the "good wife."

Those whose memories stretch back a few years, can remember when this was one of the prime worries of the nation. Many were upset about it, even wives of men who could never get a key to the executive washroom.

It was a problem for a certain high flown stratum of America. Big companies had developed the nasty habit of acting as though they had hired the wife along with the husband. She had to conform to certain company-inspired standards, be true blue not only to hubby but also to the company, and be willing to let her family, her social life, her choice of a home, everything, be in accordance with what the company said was best.

The point of this is not just the problems of wives of executives, but the changing pattern of problems. Did this one disappear because of the public outcry, or would it have disappeared anyway, under current conditions when good executives are hard to find?

these is to permit the South Vietnamese army to assume a greater share of the responsibility.

That is exactly what South Vietnam's President Nguyen Van Thieu promised in a New Year's Eve television speech to his countrymen.

"We are ready," he said, "and we have the ability to do so in 1969 because of the growth in size and efficiency of the armed forces of the Republic of Vietnam."

Similar promises were made in earlier periods of this conflict by other Vietnamese leaders. The promises were not always fulfilled. Yet, there are indications that conditions might be different this year.

To lead off, the Viet Cong give increasing evidence of weakness. No longer are they able to attack widely scattered villages in South Vietnam with impunity.

The attacks they are able to muster show weakness in numbers. Their casualties continue at a high rate, and defections from their ranks are rising.

On the South Vietnamese side, the army has shown increasing strength in recent months, and there appears to have been a significant improvement in the leadership of the armed forces.

American officers on the scene long have contended lack of strong leadership was the most glaring weakness of government armies.

Definite measures have been taken to improve both the quality and quantity of South Vietnamese fighting men. President Thieu has removed commanders who have proven ineffective and he has instituted procedures for increasing the draft and other-wise lengthening the terms of service for his fighting men.

The fighting in South Vietnam has continued for more than a decade. It has taken a heavy toll of the Vietnamese people, but events of recent months have convinced the Saigon government that the United States has no intention of staying in large numbers indefinitely.

Perhaps it is the knowledge that the Vietnamese must take the brunt of the commitment and soon that will put teeth in President Thieu's promise.

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Radars astronomers have determined that the asteroid Icarus — some 4 million miles from earth, measures approximately half a mile in diameter. It rotates once every two and one half hours.



GLANCING BACKWARDS

FOP ASSOCIATES INSTALL OFFICERS

—1 Year Ago—
Associate members of Fraternal Order of Police, St. Joseph lodge No. 98 installed officers at annual meeting.

Ed Shell is president; Tom Harsen, vice president; Jim Martin, treasurer; Walter Kowderuck, recording secretary and Leo Tiefenbach, corresponding secretary. Ed Barriek is retiring president.

NEW BUFFALO ANNEXATION HIT

—10 Years Ago—
The village council found out 94 acres of the undeveloped portion of Sunset shores subdivision was improperly annexed according to the village attorney Phillip A. Brown.

Ex-Village Attorney Stephen T. Roumell denied the annexation was not proper. Commented Councilman Edward Grieger: "We got \$5,000 worth of water mains stuck in there."

FIFTH ARMY NEAR CASSINO

—25 Years Ago—
Victorious American troops massed around captured San Vittore today forming a spearhead which stormed at the outer defenses of Cassino, 70 straight-line miles from Rome.

The fall of the fiercely-defended little mountain village of San Vittore alongside the Via Casilina was disclosed yesterday by Associated Press correspondent Don Whitehead. His dispatch from the front said that San Vittore had been seized Thursday after a violent 40-hour battle from house to house. The village is six miles from Cassino.

WILLIAM RITT You're Telling Me!

Every newspaper copy sold, according to a Factograph item, is read on an average by three persons. The buyer himself and two other guys looking over his shoulders?

Zadok Dumkopf has a new definition for an after-dinner speaker: One who talks during somebody else's sleep.

The turkeyfish is not only inedible, it's really poisonous — nature item. Must be traveling under an alias!

HENRY CATHCART Inside Washington

WASHINGTON — Although President Johnson will not be in the White House after Jan. 20, President-elect Nixon will have to do business in Congress with essentially the same leaders his predecessor did.

There will be a few changes in the House and Senate hierarchy, but not enough to make much difference in what transpires. The men who wielded virtual life and death over the Johnson administration program will do the same for the Nixon administration.

This is because of the way Congress operates and because the legislative branch of the government is equal with that of the executive. The president may propose, but Congress is

FROM THE ICE

—35 Years Ago—
Coast Guards late Saturday succeeded in chopping the fish tug, Bremen, out of the ice four miles south of the harbor. The Bremen went down Dec. 25 with four men on board.

LAW INVOKED

—45 Years Ago—
The state padlock law of 1915 has been invoked and petitions have been filed in Berrien county circuit asking injunction writs to close three Berrien county buildings for periods of one year. Two are alleged to be "blind pigs" and the other a disorderly resort, being located in Benton Harbor and Niles.

MORE LAMPS

—55 Years Ago—
A plan to provide more street lamps in many parts of the city is under consideration of the city council. The board finds one-third of the city not properly lighted.

RUTH RAMSEY Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

1. What is the location of Hadrian's wall?
2. Where was King Arthur taken after death?
3. Where did Aeschylus distinguish himself in battle?
4. What Greek city prided itself on needing no walls?
5. What Italian city prided itself on needing no walls?

IT HAPPENED TODAY

In this day in 1889, the tabulating machine was patented by Herman Hollerith.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

MUSE — (MUZ) —verb; to reflect or meditate in silence as on some subject.

YOUR FUTURE

Success will surely result from your now very evident enterprise. Today's child will be forceful.

DID YOU KNOW...

The Babylonians began their day at sunrise.

BORN TODAY

His name is Soupy Sales and his trademark is a pie tossed into someone's face.

His name — whether it appears on the television screen

not always disposed to go along.

President-elect Nixon, who served in both the House and the Senate, realizes this. One of the first congressional leaders he conferred with was Rep. Wilbur Mills, D-Ark. As chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Mills will decide what tax legislation will come before Congress in the Nixon administration, as he did under President Johnson.

And the chairmen of the other powerful committees in the House, all Democrats, will in turn determine to a great extent the appropriations Mr. Nixon will receive to carry his foreign and defense activities, as well as those of the other executive departments.

IN PORT

—71 Years Ago—
The M. and E. Transit company's steamers, City of Fremont and Fountain City arrived in port this morning.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

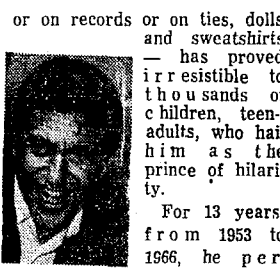
Editor,
The Herald-Press:

COFFINS VS. TABLES

While old men in Paris continue to have prolonged discussions regarding the various possible shapes of a table, in Vietnam the young men's coffin design continues to remain the same.

Peace at any price.

FRANK BARD,
Union Pier



Ed States and was seen also in Canada and Australia, while its star ventured into motion pictures and the theater.

His humor has been called "in." "A va n-t-garde," and "camp" (something so bad that it is considered good). Some admirers see his pie-throwing and similar antics as belonging to the tradition of Mack Sennett silent films. To TV viewers who are not fans, his success is incomprehensible.

Soupy sales was born Milton Hines near Wake Forest, N.C. Sources vary regarding his age. In his youth he was called Soupy because Hines and Heinz sound alike.

In the early 1950s Sales went to Ohio to acquire further experience as a radio and television entertainer in Cincinnati and Cleveland. Then he moved on to Detroit where Soupy Sales first became nationally known.

Early in 1961, he took his program to Los Angeles, where within a year his show climbed to first place on local TV. He was given a nationwide show, which later was dropped. He has also appeared in movies and on stage.

Others born today include Peter Arno, Elvis Presley, Jose Ferrer and Gen. James Longstreet, Confederate general.

IT'S BEEN SAID

When a man assumes a public trust, he should consider himself as public property. — Thomas Jefferson.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1. From Carlisle, due east on the Anglo-Scottish border.
2. Avalon.
3. Marathon.
4. Sparta.
5. Venice.

DR. COLEMAN ... And Speaking Of Your Health

Is it true that it is possible to foretell criminals by the study of genetics?

Tremendous strides have been made in recent years in advancing the knowledge of chromosomes and the effect of their disturbance in the physical and emotional makeup of the human being. These microscopic, rod-shaped bodies are present in very definite numbers in each species of life. In the human there are pairs of chromosomes in the normal healthy child and adult. Dr. Coleman

There are chromosomes, identified as X and Y, which determine the male or female sex and some of the characteristics of each. The X chromosome is identified with the female and the Y belongs to the male chromosome.

The genetic code of life has been clearly established by a group of scientists who have recently been given a Nobel prize for this achievement. Only a part of their accomplishment was devoted to the abnormality of an extra X or Y chromosome, which is thought to be responsible for some unusual mental conditions and asocial behavior.

The value of this important knowledge is that it may be possible to predict criminality potential. With proper training unusual X or Y personalities may be redirected and become serviceable human beings in society.

Can emotions and emotional upsets affect hardening of the arteries?

It is now accepted that the emotions can and do play a role in the functioning of every organ of the body. The blood vessels are considered a body organ.

There are many accepted causes for hardening of the

arteries and many more new ones are brought to light each year by experimental scientists. Drugs, tobacco, alcohol and especially, fatty diets filled with cholesterol, are the greatest culprits. Some diseases, such as diabetes, seem to play a role in the production of calcium deposits in the arteries.

It is entirely possible that people who work and live under great emotional tension may be more likely to develop such changes in the arteries, followed by high blood pressure, heart and kidney disease.

The way that the emotions may cause such changes in the blood vessels is an intricate one. Emotional stress affects the adrenal and pituitary glands, which are intimately involved in the control of calcium and its deposits in the blood vessels. The emotions can never be discounted in any medical or surgical problem.

What foods should be avoided by people who have gout?

A diet for gout must be low in purines, from which uric acid is made and which then accumulates in the blood stream. A high content of uric acid is responsible for many of the symptoms associated with gout.

Meat extracts, sweetbreads, anchovies, gravy, kidney, liver and the roe of fish should be avoided. Lentils, mushrooms, asparagus, fried potatoes and potato chips are considered high in purines. A gout diet is not very restrictive and is worth the advantage of reducing the attacks of gout.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH — Carbon monoxide

is an invisible killer. Check your auto for leaks.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

JAY BECKER Contract Bridge

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
A Q J 10
A K 10 8 7 3
J 6
5

WEST
7 4
Q J 9 4
K Q 10 8
A 8 2

EAST
8 5 3
5
9 7 5 2
K J 10 6 4

SOUTH
K 9 6 2
6 2
A 8 4
Q 9 7 3

The bidding:
North 1♥ East 1♠ South 1♣ West 1♦

almost surely go down in that case.

Probably the best way to start is to win the ace of diamonds and cash the A-Q of spades. With both opponents following suit, half the battle is won, but you can't afford to relax just yet. There is still the danger of a 4-1 heart division to be dealt with.

Thus, in the actual hand, suppose you drew a third round of trumps and cashed the A-K of hearts. With East showing out, you would find the contract unmanageable and would wind up going down two against proper defense.

Instead, you should stop drawing trumps after two rounds and cash the ace of hearts. When East-West both follow suit, you continue with a low heart from tenting the contract 100 per cent.

West wins with the nine but cannot prevent you from later establishing the hearts and returning to dummy with a trump to cash them. The only tricks you lose are a heart, a diamond and a club.

It is true that if the hearts were divided 3-2 the recommended method of play would cost a trick unnecessarily, but it is an unimportant 30-point loss which you should willingly incur to assure the contract.

BENNET CERF Try And Stop Me

When an irate father demanded to know why a professor had flunked his son, the professor replied, "In his final examination for my course your son answered correctly 11 questions out of 100. You may be interested to know that on the same test, a baboon answered 24."

A scientist who rashly announced back in the Gay 90s that there existed the menace of deadly bacteria in the gentle art of kissing got his come-uppance very quickly from the outraged William C. Brann, fiery editor of "The Iconoclast." "Here in Texas," thundered Brann, "we take our kisses as they come and give thanks for them. We've got our hands full buttering up our glorious girls without bothering about any bacteria. Let those gloomy scientists with their blasted microscopes croak what they may, the man who gets the chance to buss a corn-fed Texas beauty whose breath is sweet as that of a brindle calf fed on clover blooms doesn't have to give a damn for any fool bacilli!"

And that still goes seventy-five years later!

A collection letter that's producing gratifying results has been devised by an ingenious



retailer. It's supposedly a two-page missive, but the first page is missing. The top of the second page (the one that actually is sent) reads, "We're sure you don't want us to do that to you, DO YOU?"

Factographs

When stocks and shares can be purchased at the price originally paid for them, they are said to be "at par."

Paris University is better known as the Sorbonne.

Prohibition went into effect on Jan. 16, 1920.

SJ CITY COMMISSION RACE DRAWS INTEREST

Shoreham Numbering Plan OK'd

Petitions Are Ignored By Council

Shoreham village council last night ignored a petition of 146 residents who oppose a new numbering system adopted for South Lake Shore drive in the village.

Dr. Hugo David, village president, read from the petition in which residents complained some have changed house numbers four times and others did not want to change the sequence which originates in St. Joseph.

Petitioners complained that a public hearing should have been held. Dr. David noted that despite the number of signers to the petition there was no one in the audience to speak on the subject, and the council let the matter drop.

It would be unfair, Dr. David said, to change all of the Shoreham numbers. The new system is based on county-wide system approved by the board of supervisors and county planning system. The St. Joseph system, on which Shoreham's Lake Shore drive numbers were based, is not based on the county system. Commissioners heard that the St. Joseph township fire department favors the county system because it is easier to find a specific location. Dr. David said the city of St. Joseph "is an island" in the county system.

OKAY COLLECTIONS

Mrs. Barbara Drews, a councilwoman, was authorized to collect up to \$35 each from residents of Hanley road who want street lights but with the power lines buried.

Cal Rode of Hanley road, asked that regular street lights be erected with wooden poles and overhead wires. Residents of the street have asked the council as an alternate to install a "boulevard type light with underground wiring if they pay the difference.

The council gave residents two weeks to get the money to Mrs. Drews. About 25 residences are involved. If the money is not raised then Dr. David was empowered to order regular lights installed.

ANNUAL CAUCUS SET

Secretary Janet Halsey said the annual village caucus is scheduled for Feb. 17 for the spring election March 10. Feb. 7 is the deadline for registering for the election. All village offices and three trustees will be elected. Most said they would wait until the caucus before deciding if they would seek reelection. Other officers in addition to Dr. David and Mrs. Halsey are Treasurer Mrs. David and assessor Frank Oles.

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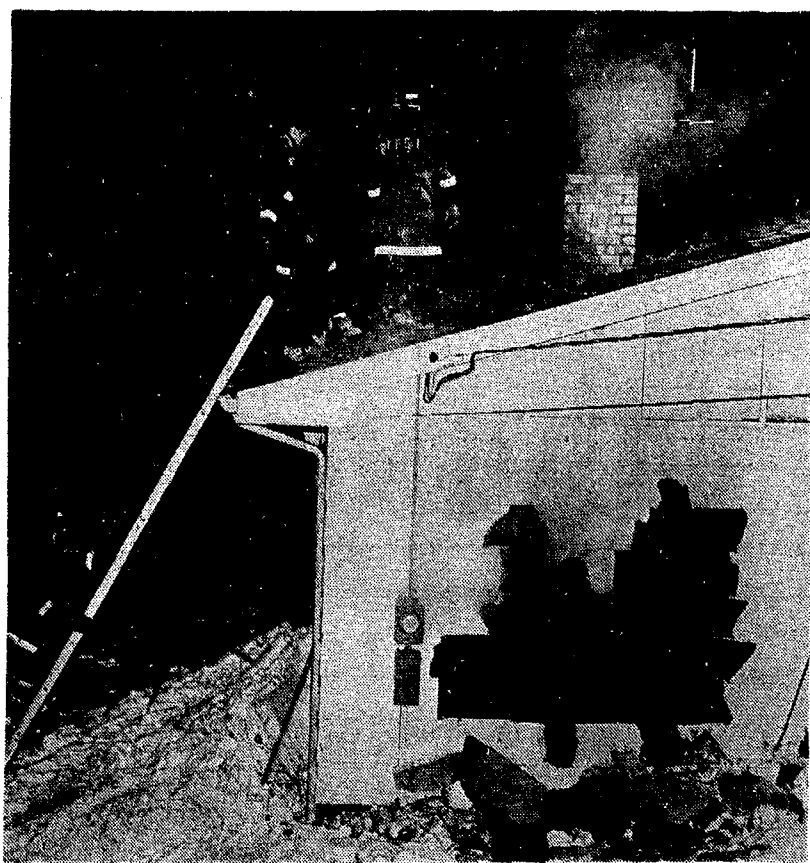
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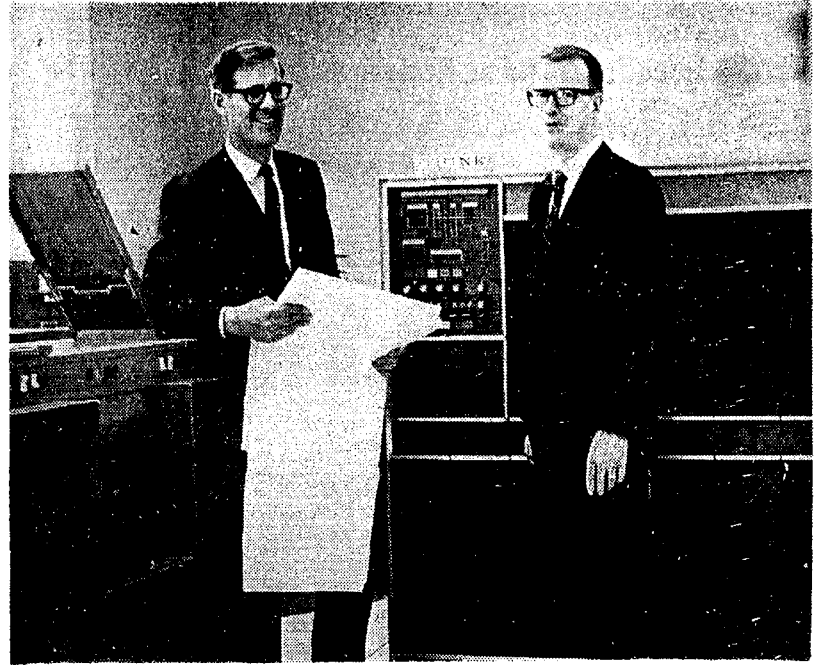
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Tuesday Night

LAWTON — Mrs. Dan (Lillian Fern) Middlestadt, 64, died in a fire which swept through her home at 519 South Railroad street in Lawton early Tuesday evening.

Lawton assistant fire chief Gary Hazelton said Mrs. Middlestadt was alone in the house at the time of the fire about 6 p.m. The fire destroyed the two-story, six-room frame home, but that the cause of the fire was unknown, according to Hazelton.

Firemen worked for two hours fighting the fire in below freezing temperatures using all their equipment. Mrs. Middlestadt's husband left for work at 7 o'clock in the morning and arrived home while firemen were fighting the blaze.

After the fire was under control, Mrs. Middlestadt was found on the floor in the living room near the only window in the north wall, said Hazelton. Dr. A.E. Parks of Lawton, acting medical examiner was to conduct an autopsy this morning.

State fire marshal Robert Rhoman of Paw Paw was on the scene last night and is to continue his investigation today assisted by Lawton police chief Richard Irons and Hazelton. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the Prindle funeral home in Lawton.



FATAL FIRE: Mrs. Lillian Middlestadt, 64, 519 South Railroad street, Lawton, died in a fire about 6 p.m. yesterday in this two-story house where she lived with her husband. Lawton firemen found body near north wall on the first floor, where Mrs. Middlestadt occupied a room. Police chief Richard Irons said autopsy would be performed today to determine cause of death. Assistant fire chief Gary Hazelton said house was total loss, but exact cause of fire was unknown. Mrs. Middlestadt was alone in house when fire started, according to firemen. (Staff photo)

Toll-Free Phone Setup
Sought For 4 Towns

SOUTH HAVEN—Application has been filed for General Telephone company with the Michigan Public Service commission for toll-free service between South Haven, Bangor, Grand Junction and Glenn. R. R. Randall, district manager for General Telephone, announced today.

Randall said General and Glenn telephone companies have jointly requested authority to provide the extra service between Glenn and South Haven.

SEEK RATE HIKE

In a companion application, General Telephone company has also requested authority to increase local rates in its South

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If such applications are approved, it would mean that customers in the different exchanges would be able to dial calls directly to each other without toll charges.

Under the proposal, the calling area of the South Haven exchange would be increased by about 2,950 telephones, and the Bangor, Grand Junction and Glenn calling area would be increased by approximately 6,250 telephones located at South Haven.

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increased exchange would fall within "a higher rate group and would result in a slight increase in monthly rates."

HEARING DUE

Randall indicated that the Michigan Public Service Commission would be holding a hearing on this proposal and that customers will receive notice of the hearing, including proposed rates, as soon as a hearing date has been determined.

Normally it requires about 18 to 24 months to secure the required additional equipment and to construct the needed facilities to provide this service if the project is approved, Randall added.

Liquor By Glass Vote
Is Sought In Lawton

LAWTON — A petition containing 176 signatures was presented to the Lawton village council last night requesting the question of the sale of liquor by the glass in the village be placed on the March 10 annual election ballot.

The petition was presented to the council by Mrs. Grace McChesney, owner and operator of King's Tavern. The council turned the petition over to the village clerk for certification.

REQUEST DENIED

In other business, the council denied a request from the Production Rubber company for a four-month extension of a lease on the new public works building on James street. The company is temporarily renting a portion of the building until a new building can be constructed.

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Councilman Clifford Bohannon suggested the council invite all candidates seeking council seats in the March 10 election to attend both the Feb. 4 and March 4 meetings of the council. Bohannon said there is much more to council work than the average citizen realizes and if the candidates would attend the meetings they could familiarize themselves with the work the council does. The other council members agreed to invite the candidates.

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concerning deficits; and to grant the Van Buren County Civil Defense the use of local fire fighting equipment in a county emergency.

TO STUDY SALARIES

Councilman Burl Unrath suggested the council ask for bids on a blanket insurance policy for village property, buildings and equipment. Weurding appointed Unrath, Bohannon and Gordon Adams to a salary committee to study salaries of village employees and report at the next meeting.

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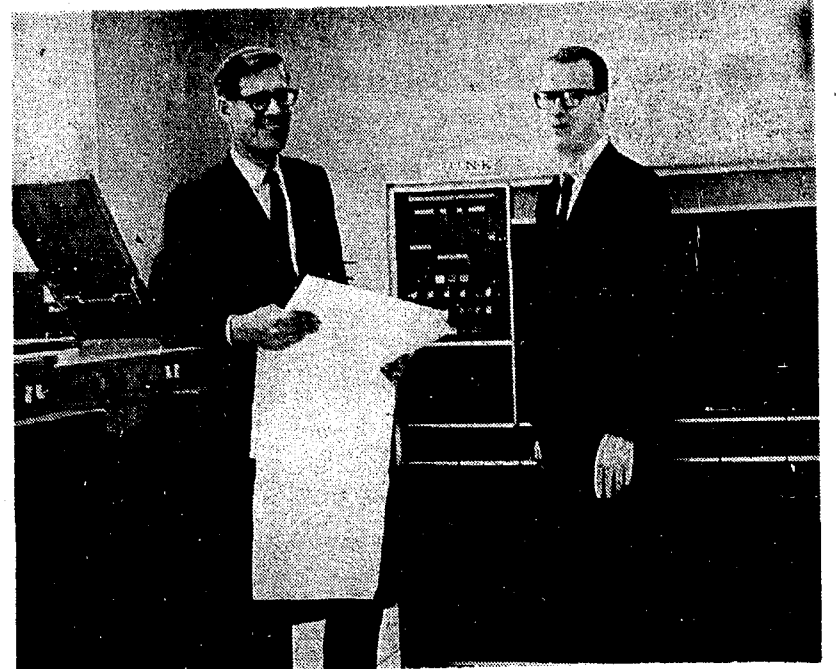
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